

Claim Objection

It is suggested to provide the English equivalent wherever German texts appear in claims 14 and 22.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

Claims 14, 30, and 31 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

The above claims are replete with the phrase "**and/or**" and that renders the claims indefinite because it is not readily understood as to what is inclusive or exclusive.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1 – 13 and 15 – 29 are allowed. The art of record fail to teach determining a friction coefficient value representing the friction present between the underlying surface and a vehicle tire comprising, among other limitations, determining wheel slip values or axle-related slip values as a function of sorted values of slip classes into which the slip range to be considered is subdivided, with the friction coefficient value being determined by evaluating this frequency distribution of values.

Claims 14, 30, and 31 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. As per attached PTO-892.

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